

REMARKS

Claims 48-62 are pending in this application and have been allowed. Claims 1-47 have been canceled without prejudice. By this amendment, claim 50 is amended. No new matter is involved.

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's Amendment, dated August 30, 2006 amended claims 49 and 50. Applicants believe that one of those amendments was improper. In particular, the Examiner's amendment to claim 50, line 11, which replaced "said screen" with "a screen" was improper because claim 50 at line 7 already recites "**a screen** for displaying, according to the stored system program, . . ." (emphasis added).

Examiner Vu was contacted by telephone on November 28, 2006, and indicated that she agrees with Applicants' position in this regard, and stated that she would approve entry of a Rule 312 Amendment which amends claim 50 to change "a screen" to -- said screen -- at line 11 , as set forth, above.

Conclusion

Entry of this Amendment and issuance of this Application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert J. Webster, Reg. No. 46,472, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Rule 312 Amendment in reply to Examiner's Amendment
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Nevertheless, if necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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